

Heber Schedules Tabernacle Meet

Meetings aimed at asaving one of Utah's most picturesque and historic landmarks were announced Thursday by Don Barker, Heber, chairman of the Committee for Preservation of the Heber Tabernacle.

Present and former residents of Heber will meet Friday at 5 p.m. in the office of Dr. Everett Cooley, director of the Utah State Historical Society, at the society's headquarters, 603 E. South Temple, to name a steering committee to formulate plans for an all-out "save the tabernacle" drive.

A second meeting, to which all interested parties are invited, soon.

Heber Moyes To Save Tabernacle

HEBER CITY, UTAH (AP)—The Heber City Council has passed a motion to sell a certain tract of land and apply the proceeds toward restoration of the historic Heber Tabernacle—and to accept title and responsibility for the property if it can be saved.

This was revealed to a group of Provo citizens by Garn Hatch, Salt Lake City civil engineer and a leader in the campaign to save the Heber edifice from destruction.

Great-Grandson

Mr. Hatch is the great-grandson of Abram Hatch, Wasatch stake president when the tabernacle was built in the late 1880s.

The move by the Heber City Council is regarded as the most promising yet toward raising the necessary funds and meeting the conditions outlined by the first president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to save the building.

The tract of land in question is expected to bring at least \$20,000, Mr. Hatch said. In fact, he said, a firm offer for at least that much already has been received.

Grants Extension

Mr. Hatch told the group that despite a recent announcement from the first presidency of the LDS Church giving stake president Hugh B. Brown, first tear the building down, President Hugh B. Brown, First counselor in the First Presidency, later had granted an extension if the preservation committee could show immediate results toward conditions for saving the building.

Wasatch stake leaders plan to tear the building down and construct a new stake center on the site.

A citizens' committee seeks to prevent this, and church leaders have told them they must provide another site.

The only one available acceptable to local church authorities costs \$60,000.

Save Tabernacle, Keep Landmarks

Editor, Tribune: I am appalled at the apathy of the citizens of Utah, for allowing the destruction of one of the few historic shrines remaining in the state. We spend millions trying to recreate the history we have destroyed, but won't put a few thousand dollars to preserve structures we have.

We tore down the Salt Lake Theatre and built a gas station. Many years later, we built two buildings "similar" to it. Shall we now destroy the Heber Tabernacle and take away the only structure along Main Street in Heber that has beauty and character? Erected in 1889, it is well-preserved, beautiful, and represents good use of native materials and labor. It is intimately related to the development and history of Heber Valley, and fills a need for a cultural center in Wasatch County where the new state park is being developed. It also represents some of the creativity of the later colonial period in Mormon Church history.

Will the Mormon Church restore Nauvoo, Illinois, at great expense and not offer any assistance toward preserving the Heber Tabernacle? Has this state no pride in its unique and tremendously interesting history? Let's not permit this tragic, purposeless destruction.

JANE HATCH JORDAN

Editor, Tribune: Please don't demolish any more of Salt Lake City's landmarks, like the ZCMI Department Store and the Judge Building. From my apartment on North Main Street, I can take a bus and make the circle trip downtown and home and shop at Auerbach's, the Paris or anywhere I choose. It is just wonderful. The cars are available at a reasonable cost. And from my apartment I can see Hotel Utah and the Temple. I am sure they will not be moved.

I was secretary to John C. Cutler and every president down to the late Edgar S. Hills of the old Deseret National Bank. I am now glad to be home again.

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